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SUBJECT: RADIO AUSTRALIA NEW 250 KW TRANSMITTING FACILITIES
AT PERTH

REF: STATE 065232

1. ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, AUSTRALIAN POST OFFICE-BROADCASTING
SECTION, WHO IS OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SUBJECT PROJECT REVEALED
FOLLOWING:

A. BECAUSE OF VIRTUAL DESTRUCTION OF DARWIN FACILITIES DUE
TO CYCLONE TRACY IN DECEMBER 1974 PLANNING OF PERTH
FACILITY GIVEN HIGHER PRIORITY AND WORLDWIDE TENDERS
REQUESTED.

B. TENDERS RECEIVED FOR TURNKEY BID FROM: COLLINS RADIO;
GATES CO., BROWN-BOVERIE; THOMSON-CSF AND TELEFUNKEN.
APO SURPRISED NO BID RECEIVED FROM US FIRM CONTINENTAL.

C. PARTIAL TENDERS WERE RECEIVED FROM A RANGE OF US,
EUROPEAN AND JAPANESE FIRMS, BUT APO PREFERS TURNKEY
OPERATION IN THIS INSTANCE.

D. RECOMMENDATION AS TO SUCCESSFUL TENDERER HAS BEEN MADE
AND PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT EXPECTED DURING WEEK APRIL 1-4,
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2. POST COMMENT: COLLINS RADIO CONSTRUCTED DARWIN FACILITIES

AND APO IS PRESENTLY BUYING THREE TRANSMITTERS FROM GATES CO.
ONE OF WHICH WILL TEMPORARILY BE ASSIGNED TO PERTH
PROJECT.

3. IN VIEW OF APO PREFERENCE FOR TURNKEY BID, APO
OFFICER ASKED TO COMMENT ON FUTURE CONTRACTS OF SIMILAR
NATURE. INDICATION WAS THAT APO PREFERS TURNKEY PROJECTS
UNLESS LOCALLY MANUFACTURED EQUIPMENT IS INVOLVED.
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